GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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OPEN SKY POLICY
SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Open Sky Policy;

(b) whether there are differences in the opinion between the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the Ministry of Tourism over the issue; and

(c) the reservation expressed by the Ministry of Tourism regarding Open Skies between December, 2002 to March, 2003 on a code sharing basis with Air India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a), (b) & (c): To take care of the peak season rush, the Government have issued instructions for operation of extra section flights by the designated carriers from US/West Europe from 1st December, 2002 to 31st March, 2003 subject to commercial agreement with Air India. The Ministry of Tourism are of the view that the commercial agreement with Air India may not yield the desired results and will not enable business and leisure tourists to fly into India during the peak tourist season. As our unilateral decision to allow operation of extra section flights outside the bilateral agreements during the period will be beneficial to the US/European carriers it has been considered necessary to put the commercial agreement clause.